2. FM Transmitter with Receiving, play back and Voice over recording/ dubbing, field production facility and staff quarters at

(i) Haldwani/Kaladungi-10KW

(ii) Bhatwari-5KW

(iii) Bageshwar-5 KW

3. Relay Station with 1 KW FM transmitter, Receiving facility and Staff quarter at

(i) Champawat

(ii) Garison

(iii) Rudraprayag

(iv) New Tehri

4. 1 KW MW Transmitter with Receiving, play back and Voice over Recording/Dubbing, field production facility and staff quarters at Dharchula. However, year-wise targets have not been fixed. Total allocation for these 10th Plan Projects for state of Uttaranchal is Rs. 3245 lakhs.

Coverage of AIR programmes in the country

†4588. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the total population which is still deprived of the AIR programmes in the country alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(b) the justification of the wastage of crores of rupees in the name of celebrating Platinum Jubilee by AIR instead of increasing its broadcast network and its benefit to the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) : (a) The present radio coverage by AIR through MW and FM Transmitters is 99.13% by population. Therefore the percentage of deprived population is only 0.87%. In addition to MW and FM Service, AIR also broadcasts through SW Transmitters which are mostly support services of MW channel. Besides, AIR also has Satellite Digital Radio Service. 100% of the country by area and population is covered by AIR, if SW and Satellite System Service is taken into account.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Prasar Bharati has informed that AIR has not spent crores of rupees in connection with Platinum Jubilee Celebrations.

Licence for DTH Services

4589. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have laid down guidelines for obtaining licence for DTH services;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of companies which have applied for DTH licence as on date;

(d) whether there is any provision for conditional Letter of intent for starting DTH service and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Government have received any application for the grant of conditional LoI; and

(f) if so, details thereof and decision taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD) (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Detailed Guidelines Issued on 15-3-2001 for Operating the DTH Service are Available on this Ministry's Website mib.nic.in.

(c) to (f) Three applications have been received for permission to start DTH service in the country. These are under process. The applicant company has to comply with the terms and conditions laid down in the DTH guidelines. The letter of intent will be issued as per procedure laid down in the Guidelines and deposit of a sum of Rs. Ten Crore by the applicant.

Operational results of Prasar Bharti

4590. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the operational results of Prasar Bharati Corporation show a fiscal deficit despite scope for large volumes of advertising revenue;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal to bridge the gap by imposing annual licence fee on more than 12 crore radio receivers and 8.25 crores TV receivers all over the country; and